

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1663

ANSWERED ON:27.07.2016

Suvidha Trains

Hari Shri G.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Railways has formulated three types of Suvidha trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that only confirmed or RAC tickets under the general quota would be issued for these trains without any concession; and
- (d) if so, whether special trains on special charges too would run as fully reserved trains and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1663 BY SHRI G. HARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2016 REGARDING SUVIDHA TRAINS

(a) & (b): With effect from 01.07.2015, Suvidha trains on variable fares are introduced for meeting demand peaks as may arise from time to time during summer, winter, festivals and on other occasions. The following types of Suvidha trains can be introduced.

- (i). Fully air-conditioned services with or without stoppages.
- (ii). Mixed services having no enroute commercial stoppages on mixed Duronto pattern.
- (iii). Mixed services having some stoppages enroute and running as Mail/Express.

Apart from above, on the basis of demand, Zonal Railway can also run fully air conditioned Shatabdi/Double decker type Suvidha trains. Minimum fare of Suvidha trains is equal to Tatkal fare applicable for the class of accommodation for initial 20% of the berths and thereafter the fare increases for subsequent slabs of 20% of seats/berths booked subject to maximum three times of the Tatkal fare. Tickets are booked through PRS counters and online through IRCTC web portal.

(c): Confirmed, RAC (Reservation against cancellation) and waitlisted tickets are issued for this train. No concession, child fare, free passes etc. are permissible in this train. However booking is allowed in this train on Identity Cards issued to MPs and on the coupons issued to MLAs.

(d): Special trains on special charges are introduced based on demand pattern over and above the time-tabled trains. In addition to Mail/Express fare for Time Tabled Trains, special charges are levied at the rate of 10% of basic fare for second class for reserved accommodation and 30% of basic fare for all other classes. The second class accommodation of

such trains can be declared as reserved or unreserved and charging shall be made accordingly. In case of unreserved second class accommodation the fares as applicable to normal superfast Mail/Express trains will be applicable.
